

Fall River Heritage State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation



MAY 2022 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public, unless specifically stated. The Visitor Center is located at 200 Davol Street in the Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building. Free parking is available in the DCR Lot at 5 Water Street in Fall River. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information call (508) 675-5759 x 0. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID). guidelines.

Ongoing

SOUTHCOAST SPRING ARTS WEEK: EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS

Fall River Heritage State Park presents a multimedia celebration of the city's early Pocasset Wampanoag and an interactive workshop of textile art. For all ages.

POCASSET TRIBE EXHIBIT

May 1 thru May 30, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Visitor Center Community Gallery

Presented by the Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe of MA and RI. Photography of contemporary local Native American life connects the past with the present in the Community Gallery.

NATIVE AMERICAN DIORAMA & PLYMOUTH DIORAMA

May 1 thru May 30, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Visitor Center Community Gallery

A 17th century diorama of a Wampanoag village along with the iconic Quequechan waterfall will be on display. Presented by David Jennings of Southcoast Historical Associates.

**Saturday,
May 7
&
Sunday
May 8**

DYEING TO WEAR IT:

Creating Community through Color

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm, the Visitor Center Overlook

"Dyeing to Wear It"™ is an interactive workshop where participants create a beautiful and versatile piece of wearable art. Classes are infused with storytelling by the artist, Rhonda Fazio, filled with the textile history from the region and around the world, and how this history intersects with our shared American culture. It is a fun and interesting social event open to everyone.

For further information: www.dyerstudio.com or contact dyerstudio@gmail.com. As space is limited, please pre-register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dyeing-to-wear-it-creating-community-through-color-tickets-321761185367?aff>.

**Sunday,
May 15**

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS

9:00 am—3:00 pm, Visitor Center Lobby

Join local historian David Jennings for an interactive table display and conversation about Native American Artifacts. Stop by any time. For all ages.

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Sunday,
May 15

PORTRAYING AN UNPHOTOGRAPHED HISTORICAL PERSON: A GALLERY TALK

1:00 pm—1:45 pm, Visitor Center Community Gallery

Join us for the unveiling of interpretive oil portraits of Sachems Weetamo and Metacomet by artist Sheila Oliveira. Ms. Oliveira will give a gallery talk on the challenges of painting historical portraits and the creative process that she used. For adults.

Saturday,
May 14

BATTLESHIP BOOGIE! BATTLESHIP COVE SWING DANCE

6:00 pm—11:00 pm, Visitor Center Lobby

Step back in time to the 1940's when Swing was King. Dance to the harmonious Compaq Big Band to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the USS Massachusetts. There is a \$40.00 per person ticket fee. Tickets available online at <https://bit.ly/battleshipcoveswingdance>. For further information contact www.battleshipcove.org or call (508) 678-1100.

Friday,
May 27

DAVID ALMOND MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING **At 11:00 am, Picnic Area**

Fall River Heritage State Park will be adding a new linden tree to our grove in honor of young David Almond, a Fall River resident lost to domestic neglect. Sponsored by the Office of State Representative Carole Fiola. This is a public event, free of charge.

Daily

CREATION STATION: Activities **9:00 AM– 3:00 PM, Visitor Center**

Get creative! Stop by the Visitor Center, grab one of our unique coloring sheets of moments in Fall River History. Learn about textiles and calico and help us complete our calico stamp wall or even weave a row on our community loom. If you complete an entire row, you too can add your name tag! This is a drop-in program. Stay for the duration or drop in for a few moments. For all ages.

Daily

FILM: THE FABRIC OF FALL RIVER **11:00 am & 2:00 pm, Visitor Center Theater**

Discover Fall River's rich past! The Fabric of Fall River showcases the history of Fall River from the First People, through the cotton mill era to the needle trades of the 1980s. Run-time: 34 minutes.

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Daily

PEOPLE, AMBITION AND HARD WORK **8:00 am—3:00 pm, Visitor Center Front Desk**

A Portuguese-American poet, a beloved local entrepreneur, a decorated military hero, and a visionary state legislator all have their names enshrined in Fall River Heritage Park. Who were these people and how did they inspire others through their vision, ambition, and hard work? This is a short self-guided walking tour of the landmarks named for these pioneers. Information is available at the Front Desk.

Daily

WATER + GRANITE + GRAVITY= FALL RIVER **8:00 am—3:00 pm, Visitor Center Front Desk**

Fall River was once the third largest city in Massachusetts with thriving factories and bustling piers on its waterfront. Without the water of the Taunton and Quequechan Rivers, the granite cliffs, and the power of gravity and the waterfalls that they produced, there would be no Fall River. The Park highlights this legacy with seven distinct granite way finders around the Park that commemorate the industry that has been here. This is a 30-minute self-guided walk through waterfront history connecting the way finders. Information is available at the Front Desk.

Daily

FACES OF FALL RIVER **8:00 am—3:00 pm, Visitor Center Gallery**

Meet the people of Fall River's past through a gallery of classic black and white photographs from the textile era. Featured are photos by labor activist/sociologist/photographer Lewis Hine of the immigrant women, men and children who worked the mills that made Fall River the premiere textile city in America. These are the photographs that inspired change in American labor laws and helped abolish child labor.

Daily

TRACING THE THREADS **8:00 am—3:00 pm, Visitor Center**

Explore our comprehensive permanent exhibit which celebrates the cultural, ethnic and industrial history of Fall River. Learn about the waterfalls that shaped the city, enabled its industries, and even gave it its name. Share the stories of the many ethnic groups from around the world who called this city home.

How was your visit? Let us know at Mass.Parks@mass.gov.

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